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(SALT TWO - 1342)

THE FOLLOWING ARE STATEMENTS DELIVERED BY DEPUTY MINISTER
SEMENOV AT THE SALT TWO MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 1977:

SEMENOV'S FIRST STATEMENT, AUGUST 12, 1977

AS YOU KNOW, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE USSR AND THE U.S., A NUMBER OF ADDITION-
AL ISSUES WERE RECENTLY REFERRED TO THE DELEGATIONS FOR CONSIDER-
ATION IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT OF THE NEW
AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS.

IN THIS CONNECTION, I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONFIRM THE
POSITION OF THE SOVIET UNION AS TO WHAT QUESTION HAVE BEEN
AGREED TO BE REFERRED TO THE DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA FOR DISCUS-
SION:

-- MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS AND MISSILES FOR THEM;
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-- NOTIFICATION OF TEST LAUNCHES OF MISSILES;
-- POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF THE OVERALL AGGREGATE OF STRATEGIC
DELIVERY VEHICLES;
-- SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS.

THE DELEGATIONS ARE DISCUSSING THE QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN
INCLUDING IN THE THREE-YEAR PROTOCOL AN OBLIGATION OF THE SIDES

TO REFRAIN FROM TESTING AND DEPLOYING MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS AND MISSILES FOR SUCH LAUNCHERS, AS WELL AS THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF THE OVERALL AGGREGATE LEVEL OF STRATEGIC DELIVERY VEHICLES.

AT THE MEETINGS OF JULY 29 AND AUGUST 3, 1977 THE USSR DELEGATION TABLED THE SOVIET UNION'S PROPOSALS ON THIS SCORE. WE REAFFIRM THESE PROPOSALS.

THE U.S. DELEGATION, IN A STATEMENT MADE HERE, RAISED THE QUESTION OF REDUCING THE 1,320 AGGREGATE NUMERICAL LEVEL OF LAUNCHERS OF ICBMS AND SLBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS. I MUST STATE THAT THE USSR DELEGATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION.

WE PROCEED FROM THE PREMISE THAT FURTHER WORK ON THE ISSUES REFERRED TO THE DELEGATIONS, AS WELL AS THOSE WE WERE DISCUSSING EARLIER, WOULD BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN TERMS OF CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRESS AT THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS ON THE EVE OF THE MEETING IN VIENNA BETWEEN USSR MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS A.A. GROMYKO AND U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE.

SEMENOV'S SECOND STATEMENT, AUGUST 12, 1977

AT THE AUGUST 3, 1977 MEETING THE USSR DELEGATION, PURSUANT
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TO INSTRUCTIONS, TABLED THE SOVIET SIDE'S PROPOSAL ON INCLUDING IN THE THREE-YEAR PROTOCOL AN OBLIGATION OF THE SIDES NOT TO TEST OR DEPLOY MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS OR MISSILES FOR SUCH LAUNCHERS.

IN THE COURSE OF SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS, INCLUDING THOSE AT THE AUGUST 9, 1977 MEETING, THE USSR DELEGATION SHOWED IN A WELL-REASONED MANNER THAT PRECISELY SUCH AN INTERRELATED AND STRICT SYSTEM OF OBLIGATIONS WOULD ENSURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS MEASURE AS A DEFINITE STEP IN THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AND EQUAL SECURITY.

IT WAS ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT A DIFFERENT APPROACH, UNDER WHICH ONLY THE DEPLOYMENT OF MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS WOULD BE BANNED UNDER THE PROTOCOL, WOULD IN FACT BE CONTRARY TO THE TASKS OF LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS QUANTITATIVELY AND QUALITATIVELY, AGREED UNDER ARTICLE I OF THE DRAFT.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONSIDERATIONS EXPRESSED HERE, THE USSR DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT THE PHRASE "NO TO TEST", CONTAINED IN THE PROVISION ON MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS, PROPOSED

BY THE SOVIET SIDE FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT BEING WORKED OUT, IS CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL. IT CORRESPONDS TO THE CONCEPT OF TESTING, AS USED BY THE SIDES IN THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT, IN PARTICULAR, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PROVISIONS BEING WORKED OUT FOR ARTICLE XVI, PAR. 3, AND FOR ARTICLE II, PAR. 1.

EVIDENTLY, THE DELEGATIONS PROCEED FROM THE PREMISE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE II, PAR. 1 -- THE DEFINITION OF ICBM LAUNCHERS -- ARE OF A UNIVERSAL NATURE, ENSURING THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT THE SIDES CANNOT HAVE ANY ICBM LAUNCHER THAT WOULD NOT BE COUNTED IN THE AGGREGATE LIMITATION PROVIDED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT.

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THUS, SINCE THE QUESTION OF MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS IS TO BE RESOLVED IN THE THREE-YEAR PROTOCOL WHICH IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE AGREEMENT BEING WORKED OUT, IT WOULD BE WRONG TO INTRODUCE INTO THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT PROVISIONS ANTICIPATING THE OUTCOME OF DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION IN THE COURSE OF FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS.

THE USSR DELEGATION PROCEEDS FROM THE PREMISE THAT THE CONSIDERATIONS WE HAVE SET FORTH TODAY ON THE QUESTION OF MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS WILL FACILITATE CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRESS IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROTOCOL TO THE DRAFT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT BEING WORKED OUT.
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